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Wednesday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

*Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*

Two humble prayers by Tobit and Sarah are heard by God. Tobit's prayer recognises his own sinfulness and that of his people. He states to the Lord, "So now, deal with me as you please" and even asks that the Lord may take his life now. Sarah, too, asks that the Lord may take her life as she changes her mind about suicide. Both have reached low points in their life and God is there to rescue them, through the Archangel Raphael. Jesus corrects the Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection nor do they understand heaven. Jesus tells them, "When they rise from the dead,... they are like the angels in heaven. As for the dead being raised, have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God told them, *I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?* He is not the God of the dead but of the living." Jesus opened the gates of heaven for those still alive but waiting for Jesus to complete His mission. Believing and trusting in God, like the patriarchs, keeps the flame of faith burning, and therefore the souls alive. God did not bring sin into the world and therefore he did not bring death. That is why we pray, "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul." "I believe in... the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen." Saints Marcellinus and Peter, pray for us!

God Love You!

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